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BY ECF

Honorable Cheryl L. Pollak  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: Ockeim Bowers et al v. City of New York, et al., 11 CV 3118 SJ-CLP

Dear Judge Pollak:

The parties in the above-referenced matter write jointly to update the Court on the status of discovery and to request a settlement conference. By way of background, plaintiffs' complaint alleges, inter alia, that they were falsely arrested and their due process and equal protection rights were violated as a result of an incident which occurred on April 7, 2010.

Currently, the factual discovery deadline is set for April 17, 2012. The parties have engaged in document discovery but have not yet held depositions. On October 17, 2011, Magistrate Judge Carter ordered the parties to write to the Court about any discovery disputes and whether the parties seek a settlement conference. The parties apologize for not filing this status report on January 6, 2012 as ordered by Judge Carter. At this point in the discovery process, the parties have not encountered any discovery disputes. Further, the parties jointly request a settlement conference before Your Honor. The parties are available on February 9, 2012 at 4pm for a settlement conference, should that date still be convenient for the Court.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Mindrutiu", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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cc: BY ECF  
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